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SUBJ: 1) TEN BURU DETAINEES STARVE IN ESCAPE ATTEMPT

2) THIRD JANUARY 15 TRIAL OPENS

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1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS JUNE 21, 23, ATTORNEY GENERAL ALI SAID TOLD JOURNALISTS JUNE 21 THAT IN 1974, TWELVE PRISONERS ESCAPED FROM UNFENCED DETENTION AREA ON BURU ISLAND AND FLED INTO DENSE FOREST, WHERE TEN OF THEM DIED OF STARVATION. HE SAID OTHER TWO ESCAPEES KEPT ALIVE BY EATING FLESH OF DEAD BEFORE THEY WERE RECAPTURED.

2. IN RESPONSE TO REPORTER'S QUESTION, SAID (WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE 10,000 CLASS B PKI SUSPECTS HELD AT THE BURU DETENTION REHABILITATION CENTER) SAID BURU PRISONERS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO READ NEWSPAPERS, BUT CERTAIN BOOKS, INCLUDING RELIGIOUS TEXTS, ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

3. ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR SOLVING PROBLEM OF JANUARY 15, 1974 DETAINEES, SAID REPEATED EARLIER STATEMENTS (REFTEL) THAT GOVERNMENT HOPES ALL 28 REMAINING CASES WILL BE RESOLVED BY END OF 1975, BY TRIAL OF THOSE BELIEVED GUILTY AND RELEASE OF OTHERS.

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4. ON JUNE 23, TRIAL OF JANUARY 15 DETAINEE AINI CHALID

OPENED IN JAKARTA. CHALID, THE THIRD JANUARY 15 DEFENDANT BROUGHT TO TRIAL THUS FAR, IS 28 YEAR OLD GAJA MADA UNIVERSITY STUDENT. ACCORDING PROSECUTOR'S OPENING STATEMENT CHALID CHARGED WITH SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES UNDER 1963 NAW NO. 11, INCLUDING MALIGNING GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND RELIANCE ON FOREIGN AID, AND PARTICIPATING IN DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST VISITING DUTCH MINISTER PRONK IN LATE 1973 AND IN YOGYAKARTA AND JAKARTA DURING JANUARY 15 - 17 DISTURBANCES.

5. EARLIER PRESS REPORTS INDICATED AINI'S DEFENSE LAWYER WOULD BE LEADING ADVOCATE YAP THIAN HIEN (WHO HIMSELF WAS DETAINED FOR PERIOD IN CONNECTION WITH JANUARY AFFAIR.) BUT AINI APPEARED ALONE AT OPENING SESSION OF TRIAL AND REFUSED COUNSEL WHEN COURT ADVISED HIM THREE TIME OF HIS RIGHT TO COUNSEL.
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